

December 23, 1985

MEMORANDUM TO: P/DH - Saul Gefter
FROM : E/P - Robert Francis Smith RFB
SUBJECT : Afghan Media Panel Decision

As you know, after three hours of discussion the Afghan Media Panel selected The Boston University - Trustees proposal as the principal grantee for the Afghan media training project.

For the record, I want to point out that during the entire process I did not know that John Silber, President of Boston University, serves on the Presidential Advisory Board for Radio Marti. Moreover, my decision -- and, I expect, the decision of the panel -- would not have been influenced had we been aware of Mr. Silber's advisory role. The decision to recommend Boston University as principal grantee was made solely on the merits of their proposal.

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